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### Gems from The Talking Machine World

May 15, 1907 EXCHANGE OF OLD VICTOR RECORDS

In order to retire the records made by Mme. Melba previous to the series made by her this spring, the Victor Talking Machine Co. recently made a very liberal exchange proposition to those dealers who still had the old records in stock. There are seventeen numbers in the old A tall hall (grandfather's) list, and the Victor Co. offered to clock, constructed of graphophones accept them on a three for one and records, is one of the novelbasis, the offer closing on May 15. ties in the window of the uptown It was stipulated, however, that branch of the Columbia Phonograph orders for new Melba records only Co., at 872 Broadway. The body of should accompany the returns. As the clock, containing the mechanism, the new records are 40 per cent. is made of one of the old-style lower in price than the old ones graphophones. The face is a 12and full cost price was allowed on inch record, the word Graphophone the latter the liberality of the taking the place of the figures, exchange plan may be realized. | while across the face are the two

as highly pleased with the Victor made of X P records and the base of

Co.'s position.

November 15, 1907 BETTINI PHONOGRAPH CO. RETIRE From Business and Lease Their Premises at 156 West 23d Street

organized by a number of dealers in new Edison Ideal phonograph, that New York, Brooklyn and Union Hill, retails at \$125, is selling, C. B. N.J., on a jobbing co-operative Haynes, of C. B. Haynes & Co., Richbasis, and located at 156 West 23d mond, Va., says he received a ma-Street, New York, have quit the chine at four o'clock and before work, notwithstanding the potent snapped up. A half dozen inquiries

for the remainder of the term. Guy G. Warner, Brooklyn, and Fred Loeffler, of Union Hill, both successfull and well-to-do dealers, were the moving spirits in the enterprise.

October 15, 1906

Jobbers expressed themselves words "on time." The supports are disc records. A 7-inch disc record forms the pendulum and the weights are made of mandrils of the X P style machines.

### November 15, 1907

The Bettini Phonograph Co., As an illustration of how the business. The scheme failed to six of the same day it had been prophecies of Marcus Aurelius Mil-for others followed, but he was unler, the promoter. Their store is able to get another for some time. now occupied by the Alcohol Utili- The company are away behind in orties Co., who acquired the lease ders for the Ideal. The cabinet (over)

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and cover of this splendid machine is mahogany, piano finish, the mechanism and parts being oxydized fered an extensive fire. It will extremely handsome in appearance.

We regret to report that our series of reprints has been interrupted. Our friends at Troll Press (under the bridge:) recently sufbronze finish throughout, and it is | take them awhile longer before they are able to resume their business and consequently we have nothing new to offer with this issue.

## - GRAPHOPHONE CONCERT POSTER -

We have had reproduced for our customers an authentic poster (circa. 1900) announcing a Graphophone concert. In color and appearance it is just like the original, which was found folded up inside the box of a "Columbia Grand" record:

Our reproduction is quite eye-catching and will add a great deal to your display; it is especially effective if framed.

Color: dark red on off-white paper (as original) Size: 15" long, 7" wide

ppd. 50¢ Prices:

- 90¢ - \$1.25 " Posters will be mailed in a sturdy tube to avoid creasing for 10¢ extra (this is the

cost to us for tubes).

To date, the most comprehensive history of the Chicago Opera Company during the first two decades of its existence is to be found in Edward C. Moore's Forty Years of Opera in Chicago, although it is to be regretted that the author chose the gossip columnist's approach to his material rather than that of the responsible historian. Mr Moore is also guilty of some quite unfounded judgments; it is the purpose of this article to correct one of the most flagrant of these; i.e., his assertion that the Italian baritone Mario Ancona "had been...fairly

competent though never first class."

This belittlement, so far as I know, represents the opinion of a minority of one, and is approximately 359 degrees wide of the mark. As a matter of fact, Ancona really was vulnerable to criticism on two counts: his stage presence was distinguished more for dignity than dynamism, and his musicianship was not above reproach. But there is copious evidence that Ancona was the possessor of the most beautiful baritone voice of his generation, not excepting Battistini and Renaud, his two chief rivals in this respect. A typical instance of critical acclaim is this excerpt from a review by Jerome D. Bohm, Music Editor of the New York Herald Tribune, of a reissue of one of Ancona's 1907 Victor Red Seal recordings: "Of incomparable beauty is Mario Ancona's voicing of 'Eri tu'... No baritone of the present day has a voice which is comparable in texture with Ancona's, which may be described as

having the sheen of velvet in the sunlight."

Born at Livorno (Leghorn) in 1860, Ancona was originally trained for the diplomatic service; but when his vocal potentialities were discovered he decided upon an operatic career. A successful debut at Trieste in 1891 led to an immediate engagement at La Scala, where he sang during the 1892 season. He appeared that same year at London's Olympic Theatre, also at Covent Garden: the beginning of a ten years' engagement. His performance in the great third act finale of Verdi's Ernani (1892) was highly praised by no less a critic than Bernard Shaw, although Shaw found his acting "a trifle too Italian-operatic; his fold of the arms and shake of the head when Ernani insisted on being beheaded were overmuch in the manner of Mr Lenville." For the benefit of those unfortunates who have never read Dickens' Nicholas Nickleby, Mr Lenville was the ranking tragedian of the Vincent Crummles troupe, which remains to this day the perfect fictional archetype of the provincial repertory theatre company.

As Tonio in I Pagliacci, Ancona was pronounced by Hermann Klein "admittedly the best of his day, and made a tremendous hit with the

Prologue."

Ancona's dramatic limitations inspired an amusing commentary by Shaw in 1894: "Ancona's Rigoletto was a disappointment. Considering that...he has exactly the voice for which the part was written --- a rich baritone of such range as to enable him not only to sing with ease up to G, but to keep singing for pages together above the bass stave, as if that were the middle of his voice --- great things were expected of him, and I am almost compelled to admire the ingenuity with which he avoided doing them. In all the less important moments he was tremendous, or looked as if he were going to be; but when the crises arrived, and one expected those terrific explosions of ferocity of paroxysms of abasement which are the great opportunities of the part, he somehow

slipped round them with an entirely gentlemanlike aversion to anything like making a scene.... He sang the music with consummate ease... but after Maurel, who only gets through the music by an occasionally almost painful exercise of vocal ingenuity, he made no mark."

In 1894 Shaw found Ancona's Valentine in Faust "the best we have had for a long time. His 'Dio possente,' sung in the original key with great expression and with a magnificent high G, was one of the features of the representation. But he should go over the part with the book some morning, for he has forgotten the exact notation of one or two passages." But alas, when Ancona recorded that aria for Victor thirteen years later, it was all too evident that the singer had neglected to follow Mr Shaw's advice. Even 'Eri tu,' which Bohm praised so extravagantly and which was reissued on the reverse side of 'Dio possente, 'is marred in its second phrase by two deviations from the

printed page.

During the four seasons between 1893 and 1897 Ancona was the principal Italian baritone at the Metropolitan, also singing Wolfram in Tannhäuser and Telramund in Lohengrin. He appeared regularly at La Scala from 1895 to 1905, then returned to this country as a member of Oscar Hammerstein's Manhattan Opera Company, singing there from 1906 to 1908. Vincent Sheean, in his biography of Hammerstein, recalls Ancona as "the owner of a superb natural voice." But for some reason Hammerstein developed an antipathy to Ancona; casting about toward the end of the 1907-08 season for an excuse not to renew the baritone's contract, the impresario poked his forefinger into Ancona's well-upholstered midsection, saying, "You'll have to get rid of that if you expect to sing for me." "But," protested Ancona indignantly, "That is my chest!" Notwithstanding, Ancona was not re-engaged, despite his great popularity both with the press and public.

Ancona was again the principal baritone at La Scala from 1908 to 1913, then came back to this country to participate in the Boston Opera's last full season. Quaintance Eaton's history of that institution tells us that "the dapper Mario Ancona, that tried-and-true baritone of at least twenty years' experience, had learned along the way how to sing, and escaped twenty faults of the new generation." And finally Ancona rounded out a quarter century's career in 1915-16 with the Chicago Opera, where he somehow incurred the ill-will of Mr Moore as narrated above. He taught voice thereafter, and died in Florence in 1931.

Ancona's recording activities included nine cylinders for Bettini in 1897, twenty-six selections (both cylinder and disc) for Pathé in 1905-06, two Edison cylinders in 1906 and nineteen Victor Red Seals in 1907-08. The Victors form the bulk of his surviwing recorded heritage; according to the American Record Guide, they reveal "a beautiful voice, round in tone, freely and smoothly produced;" while Julian Morton Moses, in his Collector's Guide, finds them a "nobility of style so characteristic of a bygone day."

At last accounts Ancona was still survived by a son---a San Francisco dentist --- who was making every effort to assemble a complete library of his father's recordings. Fellow-collectors may have seen

Dr Ancona's "want ads" in Hobbies Magazine.

While the baritone's Victor Red Seals may not retain, in the upper range, all the remarkable freedom of emission so often noted in the 1890's, the exceptional voice quality is still there to provide a reductio ad absurdum to Mr Moore's irresponsible stricture on one of the great Golden Age singers.

# Victor Talking Machine Company 60000 and 70000 Series

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In future issues we will be offering information on such obscure
records as:

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Star (Hawthorne & Sheble) Victor 8" Records Columbia BC Cylinders

Finally, Jim Tennyson has begun a major work on the Canadian Victor Company and we hope to start this within a short time.

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623 - Where the River Shannon Flows
624 - Lo! Hear the Gentle Lark (Should be "Here")
                                   Carmine Stanzione and Adolph Finkelstein
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Two Speed Attachment
Lid
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Horn Crane
Mandrel
Motor Parts
Governor

Edison Standard

Carriage for Model N Reproducer

Cygnet Horn Crane

14" Horn, Original Only
Lid for Square Top Model

Edison Home - Suitcase Type
Automatic Reproducer
14" Brass Horn
Handle, Different than Regular
Edison Handle
Naid Spring
Carriage for Model N Reproducer

Edison Fireside

K Reproducer

Lid

Horn

Crane

Edison Triumph Case with Banner Decal Square Hole Crank Governor

Edison Reproducer Parts
Hinge Blocks
R or S Fantail Weight
C Top
Diamond Disc Needles

Columbia AO
Lid, 8 x 12 x 5½
Corner Column for Cabinet
14" Aluminum Horn

Columbia AT
Case
Mechanism that holds Horn & Repro.

Columbia BI

Rear Mount Bracket

Stop-Start Knob
Nickel Horn, 172" long, 214" Bell

Columbia AK
Horn Support Arm, Approx. 8" Long
Crank

Standard Talking Machine, Open Type,
Same as Columbia AU
Tone Arm

Lyra Base Type Cylinder Phonograph
Leveling Screw
Horn

Reproducer, or Just Part to Hold Crank Escutcheon Needle

Victor Monarch Special - Front Mount
Tone Arm
Reproducer
Crank

Victor E - Rear Mount
Tone Arm, 1" Opening
Elbow
Crank

Victor III, IV, or V Oak Case With Motor and Turntable

Zon-O-Phone Concert Grand
Horn Support Arm
Stop-Start Spring

Busy Bee Disc
Reproducer
Crank
Horn
Turntable, or Just Tab to Fit Slot
in record

US Junior Any Parts or Information

Small Disc Phono, Make Unknown Reproducer with 7/16" Neck.

Records

Busy Bee Cylinders or Discs

5" Diameter Cylinders

6" Long Cylinders

7" or Smaller One Sided Records

12" Edison Discs

Pre-1930 Radios, Tubes, Parts, Literature

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A note to subscribers: Over the past year we have had a little difficulty with the postal service: Every so often we hear from a customer who received a packet of labels or a poster in terrible condition; once in awhile someone writes to say he never received an order. If this should happen to you, we'd like to know about it. If THE GRAPHIC arrives mangled, let us know and we'll send another. Almost everything we send is over one ounce and we send it via third class mail - it is prohibitively expensive to use first class nowadays - and apparently third class is given the poorest consideration in its handling.

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#### NAPCO NOTES

It is to be regretted that a few errors crept into the printing of Mr. Stone's article about Louise Graveure in the last issue. Kindly make these corrections:

p. 1, par. 4: for "1916-17," read "1915-16"

for "illustrative," read "illustrious"

p. 3, line 3: for "messe-di-voce," read "messa-di-voce"

Irving Levin sends these notes regarding the Lemmoné recordings found in the Victor 60000 and 70000 series:

70023 appeared doubled as 55111-B
70029 " " 55111-A
70032 " " 55110-A
70041 " " 55110-B

"You might be interested in knowing that U.S. Victor never paired any of Lemmoné's 60000 series - other than 60029, 'Distant Voices' with 60034, 'Menuett' - a harp solo! - which you indicated in issue No. 7. However, I did see the following pairing in an English advertisement:

(HMV?) E. 192-Andalouse (Pessard) (Vic. 60027) Spinning Wheel (Spindler) (60026)"

Another GRAPHIC reader appeals to all other readers to send him information regarding National Music Lovers. He says that it is not practical to list the numbers he already has information on, as N.M.L. had a nasty habit of duplicating numbers: Contact: Dave Cotter, 3051 Colonial Way #3, San Jose, California 95128. By the way, Dave has promised to do an article for us one of these days on National Music Lovers.

Lastly, Edward Martin of Cleveland asks a question and we invite readers to send suggestions. "Can you tell me the best way to know when 78 RPM records are worn out? I purchased an album that looked like new but it was very scratchy and noisey."